(d) The performance of India's manufacturing and software exports during recent years, both in absolute and percentage terms, is given below:

Year	Manufacturing Exports	Software Exports (in US$ billion)
2001 -02	33.4	7.6
	(-2.8)	(19.2)
2002-03	38.4	9.6
	(14.9)	(27.1)

(NOTE: Figures in brackets indicate percentage variation over the corresponding period of the previous year.)

Service Tax on Port Service

1689. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have imposed eight per cent service tax on services provided by minor ports;

(b) if so, whether any representation has been received by Government from Maritime Boards including Gujarat; and

(c) whether Government are reconsidering the issue; if so.the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)A representation dated 29.3.2003, was received from Chief Minister, Gujarat recommending non-imposition of service tax on services provided by minor ports.

(c) No, Sir.

Information on Tax payers

1690. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Income Tax Department is trying to